

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species a, illustrated in Fig. 1;

Species b, illustrated in Fig. 4; and

Species c, illustrated in Fig. 5.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species a, illustrated in Figs. 1, with traverse.

Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11 and 13 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, currently no claim is generic.

Since claims 3, 8 and 12 depend on claims 1, 6 and 10, respectively, once claims 1, 6 and 10 are found to be allowable, claims 3, 8 and 12 should be rejoined in the present application and considered by the Examiner.

If the Examiner persists in this Election of Species Requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date if it is so desired.

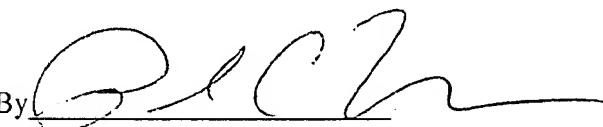
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

By 

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